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SUBJECT: INDONESIA - JUNE 18 AVIAN INFLUENZA UPDATE

1. (SBU) Summary. On June 16, Dr. Sangkot Marzuki, Director of the Eijkman Institute confirmed that the Eijkman Institute was now conducting full sequencing of samples H5N1 virus. Eijkman staff have isolated virus in the BSL3 laboratory after culture in embryonated eggs. He also outlined potential plans to move the Eijkman Institute from the Ministry of Research and Technology to the President's Office, with coordination to occur with the Ministry of Health (MOH). World Health Organization (WHO) officials noted that Dr. Subhash Salunke, WHO Representative for Jakarta will meet with Minister of Health Fadilah Supari during the week of June 22 to discuss Indonesia's obligations under the International Health Regulations (IHR) to report avian influenza occurrences within 24 hours. The avian influenza (AI) review team concluded a full week of meetings with donor partners, government animal and human health officials, hospital and agricultural laboratories, and USAID funded programs in Jakarta and West Java. On June 11-12, the Regional Emerging Disease Intervention (REDI) Centre sponsored a workshop attended by physicians from AI referral hospitals and the private sector. Although the Ministry of Health Press Office still has not officially announced the last two AI Cases, the MOH "unofficially" reports 135 cases, with 110 fatalities. End Summary.

EIJKMAN INSTITUTE STARTS FULL AI SEQUENCING

2. (SBU) In meetings last week, Dr. Sangkot Marzuki, Director told us that Eijkman Institute had begun full sequencing of a limited number of samples of avian influenza virus. Marzuki reported that the Eijkman Institute has signed a cooperative agreement with the Indonesian CDC and Indonesian National Institutes of Health Research and Development (NIHRD) outlining the roles of Eijkman, CDC, and NIHRD in AI surveillance. Eijkman is responsible for "genomic risk assessment" and maintaining an archive of H5N1 virus isolates. Eijkman has not received any funding from the MOH or the Ministry of Science and Technology to support work on AI samples and is seeking support from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. CDC is trying to support Eijkman through ongoing cooperative agreement with the Indonesian CDC. Marzuki noted it will take several months to process archived samples from 60 patients identified in 2007-08.

3. (SBU) Marzuki also explained that President Yudhoyono's office will decide whether to move the Eijkman Institute from the Ministry of Research and Technology to the President's Office, under the coordination of Ministry of Health, in a plan originally developed

by former Indonesian President Habibie. Marzuki noted that coordination through the Ministry of Health would offer the Eijkman Institute better access to MOH funding and reduce interagency politics but would still preserve Institute independence. The Ministry of Health has proposed that the Eijkman Institute be moved directly under MOH, with no reporting relationship to the President's Office.

WHO REPRESENTATIVE TO DISCUSS IHR CONCERNS

¶4. (SBU) Local WHO representatives noted that Dr. Subhash Salunke, WHO Jakarta Representative, plans to meet with Minister Supari during the week of June 22 to address Indonesia's obligations to report Avian Influenza cases within 24 hours as required under the IHR. Officials characterized Salunke's current working relationship with Minister Supari as "excellent" and noted hope that the problem will be resolved following the meeting.

REVIEW TEAM VISITS GOVERNMENT, DONORS, PROJECTS

¶5. (U) The AI Review team continued efforts to review USG programs in Indonesia. Field trips outside Jakarta included a tour to a Tangerang poultry market and a briefing about the Tangerang Trilateral project as well as a visit to the agriculture research laboratory (Balitvet) in Bogor. In addition to visiting provincial and district health and veterinary offices and laboratories in Bandung, the team toured poultry processing facilities (traditional and modern), and a sector three poultry farm. Review team members met with community volunteers from the CBAIC program, and observed a

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participatory disease surveillance and response (PDS/R) team conducting a follow-up activity after a previous outbreak of poultry deaths.

¶6. (U) In Jakarta, the team met with central government health and veterinary counterparts as well as donor partners, including the World Health Organization (WHO), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the World Bank (WB), and AusAid.

PRIVATE PHYSICIANS RECEIVE AI TRAINING

¶7. (U) Responding to a need for private physician training on AI case management, approximately 30 private physicians participated in a case management follow-up workshop for AI referral hospitals sponsored by the REDI Centre on June 11-12 in Jakarta.

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